



Grants Pass Department Of Public Safety

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Nature: Animals left inside vehicles

Location: Throughout the City

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As the hot summer months approach, the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety will see an increase in calls regarding dogs being left in vehicles. It takes only minutes for a dog left in a vehicle on a warm day to start showing signs of heatstroke and suffocation, which can lead to death. Temperatures inside a vehicle can be more than 10 to 15 degrees hotter if the vehicle is parked in the shade, and can double the outside temperature if it is parked in the sun. Rolling windows down or parking in the shade isn't the answer since temperatures can still be dangerous. Also if the window is left down too far the dog may escape.

- Leave your dog at home on warm days. You don't want to take the chance of injury or death to your pet.
- If you see signs of heat exhaustion (restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, fever, vomiting, lack of coordination) take the dog to the shade, an air conditioned area or a veterinarian.
- If you see a dog left in a vehicle on a hot day, document the location, car make, model, color and license plate number. Contact the police department and advise them of the information.

If you have any questions, please contact Officer Lesley Donaghy Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Crime Prevention Bureau at 541-450-6245.